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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University Senior Audrey Dumentat, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dumentat of Carlyle, has been selected to participate in the 1985 Sears Congressional Internship Program for Journalism Students.

The prestigious internship, which carries a \$2,350 cash award for travel and living expenses, is offered to only 20 students throughout the country. Applicants are evaluated on their academic performance, writing ability and interest in legislative reporting.

Miss Dumentat, who is currently working on a public relations internship at Elmhurst (Ill.) Memorial Hospital, Ill., said "Persons have their own conception of how government works, and I think it will be very interesting to see how it's actually run."

Miss Dumentat has a high grade point average, and is active in student publications and student senate. Next fall she will serve as personnel director for student publications at EIU.

Interns are each assigned to a staff of a member of congress, depending upon where their interests lie in government.

"My political views are basically Republican," Miss Dumentat said, "but my views aren't so adamant that I can't see the other sides to an issue."

She said she hoped to be assigned to an older, more experienced congressman, who would have a larger number of persons on his staff. "I put it (government) on a pedestal," Miss Dumentat said. "I think it will be exciting to see what a congressman really is."

The internship will last from Feb. 4 to April 30, 1985. Interns will also take part in an academic enrichment program.